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I am: A Dwarf, Hard of Hearing, woman, professor, psychologist and a closet optimist who loves puppies.

I do: I am Professor of Psychology at WSU School of Professional Psychology. I teach about the struggle for inclusion, equity, and justice as the source of marginalization and suffering in the disability community. I strive to speak my truths and locate myself at the source of suffering. Therefore, I participate in protests because I believe that civil

disobedience is necessary to promote justice within the socio-political process, thus combatting causes of suffering.

I hope for Solidarity across and within groups and a space to celebrate the mind/body in all its forms.

Queer, Crip, Disability Justice and Activist Movement: How Do We Bring This Together?

Disability as a diversity variable is often absent from, and remains an untold story within, the activists communities. Disability, however, shares the historical oppressive experiences of other bodies at the margins, and it should be understood as a social political experience. Understanding disability as an intersectional identity variable is a powerful strategy to bring voice and visibility to this untold story. This session will address the the use of critical disability studies, Crip art and feminist scholarship to inform and contextualize the sociopolitical roots of disability oppression, and pathway to liberation. As a presenter and teacher who identifies as hard of hearing, Dwarf, cisgender woman, and queer, strategies to remove the social distance and promote collective healing will be offered.